

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5       A removable medium recording station records medical image data in a format and  
removable medium that are widely accepted. The removable medium recording station can be  
used to effectively replace an installed storage device on an existing stand-alone medical image  
workstation. Storage onto removable media is transformed into an outboard operation. This  
transformation enables a hospital to migrate existing medical imaging systems to new formats  
10      and media without sacrificing a large portion of their initial investment. Additionally, the  
removable medium recording station can be attached as a peripheral on an existing medical  
modality network. In this capacity, the removable medium recording station enables an operator  
on the medical modality network to store medical images in a selected format and on a selected  
type of removable medium regardless of the proprietary format used by the enterprise level  
archive server. The removable medium recording station enables a hospital to add new  
functionality without sacrificing their investment in their enterprise solution.